

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for processing an electronic message comprising:

receiving an electronic message, the electronic message comprised of at least one file attachment;

opening the electronic message;

saving the at least one file attachment in a user-selected memory location via actuation of a save as and link command; ~~location;~~

replacing the at least one file attachment in the electronic message with at least one first link when the at least one file attachment is saved via the actuation of the save as and link command; ~~saved;~~ the at least one first link configured to display the at least one file attachment after the at least one first link is actuated;

creating a second link to the electronic message when the at least one file attachment is saved via the actuation of a save as and link command; ~~saved;~~ and

saving the second link to the electronic message in the user-selected memory location when the at least one file attachment is saved via the actuation of the save as and link command; ~~saved;~~

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12 wherein the user-selected memory location is a file and the second link is created and saved such that the second link is displayed in the file, the second link configured to display the electronic message after the second link is actuated.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the at least one file attachment has a file name that is changed when the at least one file attachment is saved.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the second link is comprised of a name that is comprised of the changed file name.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12 wherein the electronic message is an e-mail of an SMTP e-mail client.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the at least one file attachment is saved according to a defined rule and/or in a set file structure.

18. (Currently Amended) A device for user-based processing of at least one electronic message, the device comprising:

an e-mail client configured to receive at least one electronic message having a file attachment;

an attachment substitution unit configured to replace a file attachment of a received electronic message with a memory location link after user input is received that requires the file attachment to be saved and linked via actuation of a save as and link command; ~~linked~~;

a user file system configured to store the file attachment;

an attachment insertion unit configured to insert the replaced file attachment in a selected memory location in a file system after the user input is received that requires the file attachment to be saved and linked via actuation of the save as and link command; ~~linked~~;

a message link insertion unit configured to insert a message link in the selected memory location when the attachment is stored in the selected memory location and the user input requires the file attachment to be saved and linked via the actuation of the save as and link command; ~~linked~~; the message link referring to the electronic message; and

a control unit configured to control the e-mail client, the attachment substitution unit, the message link insertion unit and the attachment insertion unit.

19. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 18 wherein the selected memory location is a file in the file system and the message link is created and saved such that the message link is displayed in that file, the message link configured to display the electronic message after the message link is actuated.

20. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 19, wherein the message link is comprised of a file name of the inserted file attachment

21. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 18, wherein the attachment insertion unit is configured to automatically file the replaced file attachment using a modified file name.

22. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the attachment insertion unit files the replaced file attachment according to a user-defined rule and/or a user-defined file structure.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 the at least one first link is an attachment link.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the user-selected memory location is a hard disk of a telecommunications terminal or a memory accessible via a network.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the second link is a backlink.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the user-selected memory location is a file of a file system, the file system stored on and/or maintained by an electronic device selected from the group consisting of computers, telecommunications terminals and networks.

27. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 18 wherein the message link is a backlink.

28. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 18 wherein the user-selected memory location is a file of a file system, the file system stored on and/or maintained by an electronic device selected from the group consisting of computers, telecommunications terminals and networks.

29. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 18 wherein the selected memory location is a file of a file system and the message link insertion unit is configured to insert a message link in the file such that the message link is displayed in the file along with the file attachment, the message link configured to display the electronic message after the message link is actuated.

30. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 18 wherein the message link insertion unit is comprised of a backlink generation apparatus.

31. (Currently Amended) A device for processing of at least one electronic message, the device comprising:

an e-mail client configured to receive at least one electronic message having a file attachment;

a user file system configured to store the file attachment in a file of a file system;

an attachment substitution unit configured to replace the file attachment of the received at least one electronic message with a memory location link in that at least one electronic message when user input provides a save as and link command requiring ~~requires~~ the file attachment to be saved and linked in the file;

a display device configured to display the file attachment stored in the file of the file system after the file is accessed by a user;

a message link insertion unit configured to insert a message link in the file of the file system when the user input provides the save as and link command requiring ~~requires~~ the file attachment to be saved and linked such that the message link is displayed adjacent to the file attachment after the file is accessed by a user, the message link referring to the electronic message such that the electronic message is displayed after the message link is actuated; and

a control unit configured to control the attachment substitution unit, the e-mail client and the message link insertion unit such that attachment substitution and message link insertion occurs automatically when the user input is provided to the device.